

COUNTY EXECUTIVE'S 2008 BUDGET

DEPT: VILLA TERRACE/CHARLES ALLIS ART MUSEUMS

UNIT NO. 1915
FUND: General - 0001

OPERATING AUTHORITY & PURPOSE

Pursuant to Section 45.058 of the Wisconsin Statutes and in accordance with agreements between Milwaukee County War Memorial Center, Inc., and the County of Milwaukee, Villa Terrace Decorative Arts Museum, 2220 North Terrace Avenue and Charles Allis Art Museum, 1801 North Prospect Avenue function as a combined operation under the auspices of the Milwaukee County War Memorial Corporation. The museum partnership "Honors the War Dead by Serving the Living" through community cultural enrichment. Public programming includes monthly changing art exhibits, regularly scheduled concerts, films, workshops, an annual youth concert series and special events. The facilities are available for rent by civic, cultural, veteran, educational, business and private groups. Both museums are on the National Registry of Historic Places.

The Villa Terrace Art Museum is an Italian Renaissance-style home richly decorated with

antiques and retains almost all of its original fixtures dating back to the 1920s. The permanent collection features Asian, European and American decorative arts including wrought-iron artistry. The rear terrace area, which overlooks Lake Michigan, extends down a bank to the Renaissance Garden fronting on Lincoln Memorial Drive.

The Charles Allis Art Museum was the home of a Milwaukee industrialist who collected a vast quantity of fine art objects. The building and its contents were originally donated to the City of Milwaukee in 1946 and operated under the auspices of the Milwaukee Public Library System. In 1979, this priceless community asset was transferred to the War Memorial Corporation, again to be held in the public trust. Temporary exhibitions feature primarily Wisconsin art. In 1998, the Margaret Rahill Great Hall was completed.

BUDGET SUMMARY			
	2006 Actual	2007 Budget	2008 Budget
Villa Terrace/Charles Allis Art Museums	\$ 243,656	\$ 243,656	\$ 243,656

MISSION

The mission of the Villa Terrace Decorative Arts Museum and Charles Allis Art Museum of Milwaukee County is to fully utilize both museums, gardens and their art collections for community education and cultural enrichment. As a part of the Milwaukee County War Memorial Corporation, the museums honor the war dead by serving the living.

OBJECTIVES

- Increase the well being of area youth through collaborative educational programs.
- Contribute to the quality of life in Milwaukee County by improving the visitor experience at both museums with physical upgrades and creative programming.

BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

- The 2008 contribution to the Villa Terrace/ Charles Allis Art Museums remains at the 2007 level of \$243,656.
- The 2008 Capital Improvements Budget includes \$504,000 for capital improvements at the Charles Allis Art Museum. See the 2008 Capital Budget for more detail.
- A portion (\$3,600) of the tax levy contribution for 2008 will be allocated towards diversity training for staff and volunteers of the Museums. As educational programs are expanded, it is important that representatives of the Museums be sensitive to the cultural backgrounds of all student and adult visitors. This amount is based on figures obtained from the Milwaukee County Department of Administration – Human Resources.

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